

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 1888.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSENGER ARRIVALS:
I. & C. N.

Going North: 8:03 A. M. and 5:00 P. M.
Going South: 10:29 A. M. and 9:00 P. M.

T. & N. E. & T.

Leaves San Marcos 10:30 A. M. and 9:10 P. M.
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O. COLLINS, Agent.

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P. Seubert, the Merchant Tailor.

New Goods in all lines at DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

Fine and well selected line of notions at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Ice cream furnished in any quantity at the Ice Cream Parlor.

A nice lot of crockery ware in variety just in at HARDY & CO'S.

An extra fine blooded female calf for sale cheap, milk stock. C. W. GIBSON.

If you want shoes of any kind very cheap go to P. T. TALBOT'S.

The Martin property for rent. Apply to T. C. JOHNSON.

For your boots and shoes call at DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

School shoes. We have a school shoe unsurpassed. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Fine assortment of Ladies wraps at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Geo. W. Knight, Watchmaker and Jeweler, east side Plaza, San Marcos. n29

Broadhead worsted dress goods at from 30 to 65 cents per yard. DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

Come now while you can get your choice in all lines of staple and fancy dry goods at DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

Honrietta, satin border, and many other fine dress fabrics, very cheap, at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Wanted.

A limited amount of corn, threshed oats and wood on debts due the FREE PRESS of Dec.

Large line of Honrietta dress goods in all shades of gold and olive greens, flannels and so on. Do not forget us. DALEY & BRO.

A look into our shoe department will interest you. In styles and prices we defy competition. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

New Goods! New Goods!

Are now arriving, of late purchase in New York. Call and see something new and stylish. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Winter is coming and for your blankets and comforts go to DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

Rubber and leather belting, lace, leathers, jabbitt metal, machine oil and other supplies for gunners on hand. J. H. GARNETT.

Christian & Wills are in regular receipt of fresh and choice groceries, which they are selling at the lowest prices for cash. Give them a call.

Landreth's Turnip Seed, Fresh and Genuine, Just Received at RATNOLDS & DANIEL'S.

Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between us has been dissolved by mutual consent. C. T. Bass will continue the business, collect all accounts and pay all indebtedness. ZIN LADWON, C. T. BASS.

Why pay big prices for inferior articles of clothing, when you can procure better goods and have them well made, and a good fit, by calling on Seubert, the tailor? Shop near the northeast corner of the public square.

Cheap clothing for men, youths, boys, and children at DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

Shoes, Shoes.

Our stock is now complete, and comprises a larger assortment than we have ever of before. All sizes, styles and prices, from the heaviest brogan to the finest hand turned kid. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

For Sale.

The John Scott farm, seven miles southwest of San Marcos. Well improved, one of the best farms and pastures in Hays County. Also several very desirable pieces of town property. Apply to STERLING FISHER.

Bear it in mind, that Hardy & Co. will sell as cheap as any other house in town, FOR CASH. Constantly on hand a full line of fancy and family groceries.

FIRE.

MRS. RICHARDSON.

East side of Square.

Will close out her stock of Millinery, dress trimmings, etc., etc.

BELOW COST.

GENTS' STYLISH BECKWEAR in scarfs, ties and new Window scarfs. Planted blouse shirts, open front and back, handkerchiefs and undershirts. Fine flannel shirts for dress, from \$2 to \$6.40 per pair. Reinfaced flannel shirt and flannel shirt, for \$1.50.

DALEY & BRO.

Visitors from Abroad and Others Call at the

RED DIAMOND

Ice Cream Parlor,

East Side Public Square.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

We want correspondents at Martindale and Wimberly. D've hear?

See advertisement of Mr. Ahranback's new store, and give him a call.

Autumn-like weather and cool nights. A delightful change from the long summer.

Judge Wood's new building is receiving an awning, which will add to its appearance and comfort.

The insurance companies have met promptly and liberally their losses here by the late fire.

DISTRICT COURT.—Only a few civil cases of no special interest have thus far been reached. The criminal docket will not probably be taken up until next week.

As money becomes more plentiful we are being cheered from time to time by some smiling old subscriber thrusting his "back dues" at us. We hope ere long thus to get even with those who owe.

See the announcement of W. E. Moore, of Kyle, as a candidate for hide and animal inspector. We learn he has for some time been attending to the duties of the office as deputy under Mr. Peavy, the present incumbent.

While it is stated that there has been a falling off of some \$63,000 on the last years county assessment, City Assessor Hopkins informs us that there has been an increase of \$27,000 on the city assessment. This is a good showing for the city under the circumstances.

To the Street Commissioner: Did you ever notice that that part of San Antonio street which was roughly graded years ago, only needs a coating of gravel to be the best in town, and invaluable during our muddy periods? "A word to the wise is sufficient," etc.

We are pleased to learn that Coronal Institute opened under unusually favorable auspices. The first day showed an attendance of 115, a considerable advance on last year, and there has been a goodly increase since. There are 32 music pupils, to not much over half the number last year.

Judge Teichmoller and Prosecutor Bethany are understood to be of that happy class of candidates who feel their calling and election sure, having no opposition. But really, gentlemen, we think a decent respect to the people, and especially the newspapers, should induce you to "announce."

The cotton market has been brisk since the rain ceased, and prices have ruled good. Notwithstanding the bad roads on Saturday, Gieson alone bought nearly a hundred bales. Some 75 bales have been averaged daily this week, and yesterday it was thought that the amount would reach 100 bales. The price has ranged from \$3 to 9 cents.

We are under obligations to E. S. Hughes, secretary, for a copy of the Premium List of the Abilene District Fair to be held at Abilene on the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of October; also for a complimentary ticket. An attractive premium list is offered, and no doubt the occasion will be one of much interest. Everybody is invited. The railroad's promise excursion rates. Governor Ross will deliver the opening address on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Club Meeting.

Gen. Shelley of Austin will address the Cleveland and Thurman Club on Friday night. The ladies are specially invited.

To Advertisers.

After all is said you cannot, as thinking persons, doubt that the old established SAN MARCOS FREE PRESS is the best medium for you in this county. The paper and its patrons are alike of the solid, reliable class, whose patronage is of most value to advertisers.

Cotton Yards.

KYLE, TEXAS, September 3, 1888.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—The Alliance Cotton Yard at Kyle was opened for business this season on Monday last. The yard in San Marcos will be opened at the end of the present week. The county secretary, W. Garnett, has been elected manager, and he will retain a competent assistant at the San Marcos yard when not at that point. The board of directors will carry sufficient insurance to cover all risks, and every effort is being made to make the enterprise a complete success.

The office is at the Exchange Store, Kyle. The yards will handle the cotton of non-members and colored people on the same terms as that of members of the Alliance.

W. GARNETT, Business Manager.

Ice Cream Supper.

There will be an ice cream supper given at Maxwell (formerly New Martindale) station on the T. B. & H. on Thursday evening the 13th inst. for means for ceiling and seating the new school house near Mr. J. A. Montgomery's. The supper will be given in the railroad depot, and a cordial invitation is extended to the people of San Marcos to be present on the occasion. A special train is expected to leave San Marcos at 5 p. m. on said day, and return after the supper.

The blower of the household, and as it is being, "Babylonia" is the official organ of the baby's kingdom. It is a charming little monthly of eight pages filled with pictures to please baby's eye, and little jingles and stories to please baby's ear. It is a source of enjoyment for fifty cents a year. D. Lockwood Company, Boston, will send a sample for five cents.

Don Quixote Outdone.

The editor of the Lockhart Register takes to himself the ascription of wrong headedness which we made in general terms, thereby showing that he realized that the "shoe fit." And he further demonstrates the fitness by again coming to the charge against us as an alleged stumbling-block in the way of Sister McPherson, of the Kyle Star. Like another Don Quixote, our gallant young contemporary feels inspired to take the field as the self-appointed champion of distressed "females," (to use his most unchivalrous expression) who exist only in his disordered fancy. We doubt very much whether Sister McPherson is in the least thankful to him for his supercilious zeal in her behalf, and especially for his implied left-handed compliment that she is not competent to take her own part or sustain the editorial positions taken in her paper; which is a great deal worse than anything we have ever said, intimated or thought of. By the way we wonder where the Lockhart editor got the idea, which he has more than once expressed through his paper, that women, although in public positions, should be exempt from criticism? Every intelligent person knows there are numerous ladies—Southern ladies, too—engaged as teachers, as editors and writers for the press, as physicians, as public speakers, and in various other public vocations, who are abundantly able to "hold their own" in competition with men, and who would resent with scorn the idea of being accorded any indulgence in the conflicts of mind with mind, because of their sex. How anyone could grow up to man's estate, and even pose as the editor of a newspaper, and show himself so great an ignoramus as not to know these facts is to us inexplicable.

But aside from the above facts, we beg to assure the Lockhart editorial disciple of the Knight of the Windmills that he is "barking up the wrong tree" and wasting his chivalry in the cause of Mrs. McPherson. She is not the lone, lorn "female" which he, the editor of the Floresville Chronicle and others have assumed her to be. On the contrary she is exceptionally well equipped for the carrying on of a country newspaper. Her oldest son, Lee Rountree, is nearing his majority if not actually of age, is a vigorous, active young man physically and mentally. He is not only her business manager, but the working force of the office, a successful reporter for the paper, the actual publisher and unquestionably a frequent news and editorial writer for its columns. Her second son, Emmett Rountree, is a well-grown youth, capable of doing a man's work in a printing office. We have nothing but praise for these young men; their mother has great reason to be proud of them. With the assistance of a yet younger member of the family they do all the mechanical work of the office besides the other work we have stated, so that Sister McPherson escapes one of the greatest usual troubles of newspaper publishers, frequent changes of printers, and the difficulty of finding such as will take an interest in the business. She and her sons carry it on on the co-operation plan, which gives her a great advantage over most of her newspaper contemporaries. If the sleepy headed Lockhart editor would repress the gushing sympathies which he is wasting on the mother, and emulate somewhat of the "get up and get" of her sons as regards the conduct of his own paper, he would certainly do himself infinitely more credit, besides saving himself from his present position of a public laughing stock.

Just a few words more to demonstrate that the Lockhart editor's animus is latred of the editor of the Free Press, rather than sympathy for the address of the Kyle Star. While our occasional criticisms of the Star, as he is compelled to concede, have been impersonal and legitimate, the Times of this place, and the San Antonio Express, as is well known, have several times made grossly offensive, personal allusions to Mrs. McPherson. Where was her self-appointed champion of Lockhart then? Did he come to the front in stern rebuke of these flagrant acts of discourtesy towards a lady? Not a bit of it—he remained mute as an oyster. Hence it is clear that spite toward us is his actuating motive, while he well knows that he had no ground of personal offense or complaint against us.

We need add no more—an intelligent public cannot fail to properly "size up" our Lockhart would be critic.

The Saving Grace of Waterworks.

The following letter from Seguin shows how the waterworks there saved the most valuable block in the city from destruction by fire, and but for the waterworks here during the recent fire, the losses would not doubt have reached \$50,000.

SEGUN, Aug. 31, 1888.

C. M. HOLMES, esq., San Marcos, Tex.

My Dear Sir and Friend:—A fire broke out yesterday evening in the law office of W. R. Neal, over Tips & Torrell's hardware store. The entire block would have burned down had it not been for the water works. In less than one minute after the alarm was given a stream of water at the Northwest corner of the court house square was thrown upon the building. In a very short time another was throwing water from the one in front of Mr. Barges' house. A third was soon throwing water on the rear of the building from the hydrant in front of the truck house. Of course the fire was soon under control.

I wish you could have been here to have heard the public expressions toward the water works. I think it would have done you good. Everybody spoke in the highest praise, and it is a fact acknowledged by all that more money was saved to the city yesterday than the entire amount that will be paid to the water works for 20 years. There will be no trouble hereafter from the city to meet its payments in cash. I feel good myself over the matter. With kindest regards to your good lady, I am Your Friend.

J. ZORN, JR.

Good Printing.

The Free Press office has been turning out considerable printing of late, all of which must recommend the office wherever it goes. We have much the largest and best office, and the best job printer in the county. Work done with uniform promptness, accuracy, and workmanlike taste and skill. Prices reasonable. Have your work done at home and save trouble and money.

Free Schools of Hays County.

We find in the other county papers the following table, which we copy as a matter of general interest. It will be noticed that our city public schools are not included in the table, they being under the exclusive jurisdiction of the city. To complete the statistics therefore we will state that the scholastic population of our city is 470, being vastly larger than any set down in the table. Of this, 335 are white and 135 colored. The amount appropriated for both is \$1,880.

Outside the city, the county yet labors under the incubus of the old community system, now utterly condemned and repudiated by all intelligent educators. Under an improved system the schools would be fewer in number but more efficient. Some of the schools in the table are colored, but are not designated as such.

It seems to us an explanation is needed as to communities Nos. 17 and 25 in the table, the first being styled "San Marcos colored," the other simply "San Marcos." The fact is, as we are informed, that both are outside of San Marcos, the one representing a colored school community distinct from the city colored school, the other a community of whites who continue to send to Coronal Institute. The table, going out without explanation to places where the facts are unknown, would naturally give the idea that these were the only public schools belonging to San Marcos, and thus greatly damage the reputation of the city abroad. The two communities designated, having no connection with San Marcos, should obviously each have a different name.

Scholastic Population and Apportionment of Available School Fund for Hays County for the Year ending July 1, 1888, together with Number and Name of School, and Number of Children:

School Number.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Children.	Amount Apportioned to each school.
1	Elm Grove.....	44	\$198 03
2	Kone.....	62	234 00
3	Mount Sharp.....	32	144 00
4	Moctean.....	25	112 50
5	Rock Springs.....	17	76 50
6	Antioch.....	50	225 00
7	Blanco.....	32	144 00
8	Bading.....	17	76 50
9	Fairview.....	40	180 00
10	Dripping Springs.....	86	387 00
11	Science Hall.....	88	399 00
12	Waverly.....	22	99 00
13	Prangley Springs.....	19	85 50
14	Stringtown.....	36	162 00
15	Dunpre.....	49	220 50
16	Live Oak.....	22	99 00
17	San Marcos (colored).....	50	225 00
18	Mount Gaynor.....	38	171 00
19	Oyster Creek.....	54	243 00
20	Way-Side.....	29	130 50
21	High Prairie.....	55	247 50
22	Independence.....	26	117 00
23	Valley Ford.....	21	94 50
24	Liberty Hill.....	44	198 00
25	San Marcos.....	85	382 50
26	McChesney.....	30	135 00
27	Buda.....	39	175 50
28	Rock Ridge.....	29	130 50
29	Pursley.....	17	76 50
30	Durham.....	34	153 00
31	Salem.....	42	189 00
32	Sowell Valley.....	18	81 00
33	Spanish.....	60	270 00
34	Burleson.....	32	144 00
35	River Side.....	26	117 00
36	Kyle.....	152	680 00
37	Bluff Spring.....	23	103 00
38	Prairie Hill.....	79	355 50
39	Clear Creek.....	29	130 50
40	San Creek.....	33	148 50
41	Harring.....	14	63 00
42	Long View.....	40	180 00
43	Branch's Well.....	21	94 50
44	Long Branch.....	16	72 00
45	Cedar Top.....	29	130 50
46	Spanish.....	19	85 50
47	Sumpter.....	34	153 00
48	Out of county.....	30	135 00
49	Transferred to city of San Marcos.....	11	49 50
Totals.....		1910	\$8395 00

Ed. R. Koss, County Judge.

Lawhon & Bass, Druggists.

New goods every day this week at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Come early and inspect our shoe stock. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

McAllister is still keeping up in the grocery trade and selling as low as the lowest for cash.

Call and see the handsome display of dress fabrics. Bottom prices at P. T. TALBOT'S.

I expect to be in San Marcos about October 1st, and set up a portable gallery. First class work guaranteed. J. E. H. CHAPMAN.

We have about fifty pieces of best spring and fall (not winter) prints on hand that we sold at 7 and 8 1/2 cents per yard that we will close out at 5 cts. DALEY & BRO.

For fine dress goods in Henrietta cloths, Tricots and Alma. Ladies flannels and trimmings to match in Marle silk and satin, and silk and worsted gimp trimmings, and staid velvets at DENNY BROS. & ANDREWS.

P. Seubert, the tailor, is in receipt of his fall and winter goods. Nice they are, and as good as beautiful, and Peter will furnish the goods and make them up for you as cheap as you can buy them out of the stores; and of course they will be better made and you will have a better fit. Call on him before purchasing.

Non-Partisan County Convention.

As chairman of the Non-Partisan executive committee, I request the chairman of the several precinct committees to convene the Non-Partisan September 8th, at some place in their respective precincts, for the purpose of sending delegates to a county convention called to meet at the city of Kyle on the 15th day of September, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating county officers, and to send delegates to the congressional and representative district conventions. Each precinct will be allowed one vote for every eighty votes cast at the last general election.

E. A. HENLEW, Chairman Ex. Com. Hays County.

Non-Partisan Convention.

The Non-Partisan representative convention for the first district, composed of the counties of Caldwell, Guadalupe and Hays, is hereby called to meet in the city of Kyle, at 2 o'clock p. m. September 22, 1888, for the purpose of nominating two representatives for said district for the 21st legislature of Texas.

Y. E. WOODLEY, Chairman Non-Partisan Rep. Dist. Com.

PERSONAL.

"Let us a' gae" to the wedding."

Gen. Shelley is in attendance at court this week.

Mr. Jackson, of Llano, was in the city on yesterday.

Mr. Howard has returned to Beaumont, his old home.

H. C. Hubbs, esq., of Wimberly made us a call on yesterday.

Mr. Clift now occupies the Capt. Martin place. Comfortable and convenient.

H. C. Durar, esq., of Dripping Springs, made us a pleasant call on Monday.

Mr. Cozby, one of the victims of the fire, is again holding forth in Dr. Combs' gallery.

Our worthy friend Claude Ivey, is clerking in the store of Johnson & Johnson.

Prof. Melish, of Lockhart, and Miss Bird Rylander, a young lady well and favorably known here, were recently married.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosamond have removed to Mrs. Briggs', and will take charge of her premises and children during her absence.

Clerk Burleson, ex-officio banker at Lockhart, is in attendance at the present term of the district court, which will be his last.

Uncle John Richards returned from Colorado on Tuesday, and is full of the works of nature and art he saw in that wonderful land.

Our former townsman, Squire Garrison, was down from his ranch in the mountains the first of the week and made the Free Press a call.

The Mustang grape crop this year is superb. Philosopher Vogelsang informs us he has gone quite extensively into wine manufacture.

And now we hear of a nine pound girl just arrived at Lu J. Daley's. He proposes to checkmate the sudden influx of boys and stands by the fair sex.

Messrs. Beall of the drug store and Wills of Christian & Wills, are both jubilant over the advent of very young boy-boards at their respective homes.

City assessor and collector Hopkins informs us that he has reduced the amount uncollected for last year to \$4.40 out of \$2,384. An efficient collector.

Madame Gilbert, the accomplished musical artist, who since Chattanooga has been teaching a class in vocal music here, left for her home in Austin Monday.

The sublime repose of the countenance of Mr. Neighbors this week is something delightful. He looks as if courts and court would trouble him no more forever.

Mrs. Emma F. Briggs will leave for the North early next week for the purpose of pushing the sale and perhaps engaging in the manufacture of her new patent sewing machine motor.

James Killian, jr., recently made a successful trip down to the coast country near Corpus Christi, after a horse which had been stolen from his father place some considerable time since. He was successful in finding him, and rode him home rejoicing.

A. W. Bryan the other day permitted us to read an interesting letter from his son, who is domiciled in Switzerland and doing a lucrative business as a dentist. He had improved his summer vacation by visiting various points in Germany, and was favored to be present at an opera by the great musical genius Wagner, at the city where he resides—Nuremberg—if we recollect rightly. The letter was written from Munich.

More of Parson Wallace and the Poor House.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—In trying to defend the memory of B. F. Vallandigham, deceased, against some malicious representations, I used as easy language as I well could in order to set forth his grievances, and to save the feelings of Parson Wallace as much as I well could. But the Parson seems to get possessed of some kind of a spirit (I cannot name it, as I am not so familiar with the spirits as he is), although he appears to be at a loss to discriminate between innuendo and a very bad spirit, which he says I possess. May be I am partially insane and wish to put the poor house in order before I get there. But say, I hear there are several indigent poor in this county not at the poor house. Must be something wrong. There is I believe at present, and has been since the suicide of Uncle Ben but one inmate of the poor house, who is well known to be violently insane, while there is only a thin board partition between her room and the room or rooms intended for other occupants, so that, sick or well, they cannot rest because of the antics and other noises made by this lunatic. While these are the facts, the poor farm authorities have a standing order that the helpless poor of the county shall not be cared for at any other place than in this poor house. I ask what has become of the other poor of the county needing its aid, and for whose support our people are taxed? I call upon Parson Wallace, if he can so long forget his official importance, to "gird up his loins" and unravel this mystery for the benefit of the county. I believe I will not go quite crazy yet.

And now, Parson, let me tell you the proof I had reference to in my article referred to, another party who had threatened me to make; and as you are so particular about it, I just say I have more proof and evidence in the way of witnesses that Uncle Ben made a statement to, and not directly to me, which I was not under any obligation to tell to the powers that be, as I was asked to state what was told direct to me; and if the Parson is in a hurry to know what was said to this party before I got ready to publish it, he can call on them; I will give him their names. And it is likely I used some of that statement in my article I did not use in court. Can't recollect what it was now, but I do know when the question was asked by the court, was that all. And now as he has insinuated against me so hard about being crazy, and not telling the truth, I will just say, he is badly off the mark. I would like to know what sort of a spirit it was that caused the Parson to say that Uncle Ben told a lie about the way he